(b) if so, what are the details thereof and how much amount is proposed to be given to each oil company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken by the Governmen

बिहार में रसोई गैस एजेंसी

1197. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार में ऐसे जिलों की संख्या कितनी है, जहां अभी तक रसोई गैस की कोई एजेंसी नहीं खुली है,

(ख) क्या रसोई गैस एजेंसी प्राप्त जिलों में उपभोक्ताओं को समय पर रसोई गैस नहीं मिल रही है,

(ग) ऐसे जिलों में, जहां अभी तक ऐसी कोई एजेंसियां नहीं है, कब तक रसोई गैस की एजेंसियां खोले जाने की योजना है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी०आर० बालु): (क) बिहार में ऐसे तीन जिले है, जहां एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप नहीं है। इनके नाम हैं—पाकुर, गोड्डा और शिवहर।

(ख) तेल विपणन कंपनियों ने यह सूचित किया है कि उनके डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर अपने उपभोक्ताओं की संपूर्ण मांग को पूरा कर रहे हैं। तथापि, जुलाई, 1997 के दौरान मूसलधार वर्षा के कारण बिहार के कुछ जिलों में, क्षेत्र में बाढ़ आने के कारण, कुछ उपभोक्ताओं को रीफिल की पूर्ति में विलम्ब हो गया है। अब स्थिति सुधार गई है।;

(ग) और (घ) पाकुर और गोड्डा जिलों के लिए एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों हेतु पहले ही विज्ञापन दिए जा चुके हैं। चयन प्रक्रिया पुनः आरम्भ कर दिए जाने के बाद इन स्थानों पर डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर का चयन किया जाएगा। जहां तक शिवहर का संबंध है, 1996-98 की मसौदा विपणन योजना में एक एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप को शामिल कर लिया गया है। आशय-पत्र जारी करने के बाद डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप आरम्भ करने में सामान्यतया छह महीने से एक वर्ष का समय लगता है।

Projects Undertaken by HPCL

1198. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various new projects being undertaken by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, presently in the country;

(b) whether such projects are being undertaken without proper cost benefit analysis;

(c) whether it is a fact that some projects underway of HPCL in Andhra Pradesh have been objected to; and

(d) if so, the details of such objections, the source and whether HPCL answered such queries made by economists and others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Major projects being undertaken by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) in the country are:—

(i) Vizag Refinery expansion by 3 MMTPA;

(ii) Vizag-Vijayawada Pipeline of capacity of 4 MMTPA (approx.);

(iii) Diesel Hydro desulphurisation Units at Vizag and Mumbai Refineries; and

(iv) Mangalore Refinery 9 Petrochemicals Ltd expansion under Joint venture with M/s Indian Rayon & Industries Limited

(b) All these projects are undertaken only after through cost benefit analysis is carried out and their viability is established.

(c) and (d) Representation has come for seeking the clarifications on project details, payment of compensation to the villagers in respect of laying of Vizag-Vijayawada Pipeline, etc. The project has been approved by the Government only after its techno-economic viability was established. The required measures have

been taken by HPCL to ensure payment of due compensation to the affected persons, as per provisions of law. HPCL have, however, been advised to clarify the points raised by the representationist.

Steps taken to Reduce the Import of Petroleum Products

1199. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps, short term and long term, to reduce imports of petroleum products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to minimise the import of crude oil and petroleum products, measures are being taken to increase the refining capacity in the country by expansion of existing refineries in the public sector and setting up of refineries in joint sector and private sector. Import and parallel marketing of Kerosene, LPG and LSHS in private sector has also been allowed so as to improve availability of these products and to contain the oil import bill.

Steps are being taken to increase crude oil production in the country through application of improved technologies, better understanding of reservoir, behaviour, development of new fields, additional developments of existing fields and by inviting foreign and private capital in the upstream sector.

Crude Oil Production

1200. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the crude oil production in MMT by ONGC and OIL in 1995-96, 1996-97 including share in joint venture production;

(b) the total production in private and joint ventures (excluding ONGC and OIL share);

(c) the total investment by private investors in oil industry during last three years; and

(d) the production target in 1997-98 for ONGC and private/joint venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The crude oil production by ONGC/OIL during 1995-96 and 1996-97 was under:-

(Figures in MMT)

	ONGC	OIL	Joint Venture	
			ONGC	OIL
1995-96	31.635	2.882	0.247	.004
1996-97	28.671	2.87	0.521	.0047

(b) Total oil production from private/JVCs (excluding ONGC and OIL share) was as under:-

Year	Production
1995-96	0.399 MMT
1996-97	0.817 MMT

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The crude oil production target of ONGC and private/JVCs for 1997-98 is 27.733 MMT and 3.233 MMT respectively.